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No. 03-1566
Title: Francis A. Orff, et al., Petitioners
v.
United States, et al.
Docketed: May 20, 2004
Lower Ct: United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Case Nos.: (00-16922)
Decision Date: February 18, 2004
Questions Presented

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May 18 2004	Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due June 21, 2004)
Jun 10 2004	Waiver of right of respondent Westlands Water District to respond filed.
Jun 15 2004	Order extending time to file response to petition to and including July 21, 2004, for all respondents.
Jul 21 2004	Brief of respondent United States in opposition filed.
Jul 21 2004	Brief of Intervenors-Respondents Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. in opposition filed.
Jul 28 2004	Reply of petitioners Francis A. Orff, et al. filed.
Aug 4 2004	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of September 27, 2004.
Oct 4 2004	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of October 8, 2004.
Oct 12 2004	Petition GRANTED.
Nov 24 2004	Brief of petitioners Francis A. Orff, et al. filed.
Nov 24 2004	Brief amici curiae of Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, et al. filed.
Nov 24 2004	Joint appendix filed.
Dec 15 2004	SET FOR ARGUMENT ON Wednesday, February 23, 2005.
Dec 16 2004	CIRCULATED.
Dec 22 2004	Extension of time within which to file the respondents' briefs on the merits to and including January 7, 2005.
Jan 7 2005	Brief of respondent United States filed. (Distributed)
Jan 7 2005	Motion for leave to file amici brief filed by Pacific Legal Foundation, et al. (Distributed)
Jan 7 2005	Brief of respondents Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Jan 7 2005	Brief of respondent Westlands Water District in opposition filed. (Distributed)
Jan 7 2005	Brief amici curiae of Central Arizona Water Conseration District, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Jan 7 2005	Brief amici curiae of California, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Jan 10 2005	Record received from U.S.C.A. - 9th Circuit. (1 envelope)
Jan 12 2005	Opposition of Intervenor-respondents Natural Resources Defense Council to motion of Pacific Legal Foundation for leave to file amicus brief filed. (Distributed).
Jan 14 2005	Motion for divided argument filed by respondent Westlands Water District.
Jan 19 2005	Application (04A643) to file the reply brief on the merits in excess of page limits, submitted to Justice O'Connor.
Jan 21 2005	Record received from U.S.D.C. for Eastern Dist. of California (4 boxes)
Jan 24 2005	Motion for divided argument filed by respondent GRANTED.

Jan 24 2005	Motion for Pacific Legal Foundation, et al. for leave to file a brief as amici curiae GRANTED.
Jan 26 2005	Application (04A643) denied by Justice O'Connor.
Feb 11 2005	Reply of petitioners Francis A. Orff, et al. filed. (Distributed)
Feb 23 2005	Argued. For petitioners: William M. Smiland, Los Angeles, Cal. For respondent United States: Jeffrey P. Minear, Assistant to the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. For respondent Westlands Water District: Stuart L. Somach, Sacramento, Cal.